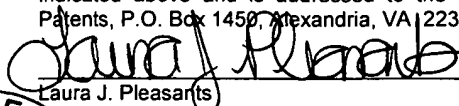


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated June 22, 2006, having a period for response, with a three-month extension of time, up to and including December 22, 2006. A Petition for a 3-month Extension of Time is being filed simultaneously herewith. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

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